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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUPPORT PRICE FOR SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane farmers across the country particularly Karnataka are demanding an increase in the support price of sugarcane; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Central Government does not procure sugarcane, as such, the question of fixing Support Price of Sugarcane does not arise. However, the Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane under the provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 which every sugar factory is required to pay to sugarcane farmers on purchase of sugarcane. The SMP of sugarcane payable by the sugar factories, for 2006-07 sugar season, has been fixed at Rs. 80.25 per quintal for a basic recovery rate of 9 per cent subject to a premium of Rs. 0.90 for every 0.1 percentage point increase in the recovery above that level. No representation has been received from the farmers of Karnataka seeking increase in the SMP of sugarcane, in the recent past.